

REMARKS

In the outstanding Office Action the examiner objects to, and did not consider, the four foreign patent documents submitted with the original Information Disclosure Statement because of an alleged failure to supply English translations or a concise explanation for the cited foreign patents pursuant to 37 CFR 1.98(a)(3). Rule 98(a)(3) is inapplicable to the four foreign patent documents cited in the original Information Disclosure Statement because each foreign patent document is written in English. Although, the examiner thus should have considered the four foreign patent documents in connection with the original Information Disclosure Statement, copies of the four foreign patent documents are being supplied with the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement being filed herewith. Accordingly, their consideration is respectfully requested.

In the outstanding Office Action the examiner also objects to the failure to list U.S. Patent No. 4,864,474 in the Information Disclosure Statement, pursuant to 37 CFR 1.98(b) and MPEP § 609A(1), because it is referenced in the present application. Although U.S. Patent No. 4,864,474 is not material to the present application because it does not disclose a valve for unidirectional flow, the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement being submitted herewith also discloses U.S. Patent No. 4,864,474. The Patent Office is permitted to withdraw fees from Jones Day's deposit account **50-2468** for this submission pursuant to 37 CFR 1.97.

Paragraph [0001] of the Specification has been amended to include the current status of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/446,584 and to correct a minor editorial error.

Claims 1-7 have been cancelled. Claims 8-10 have been newly added.

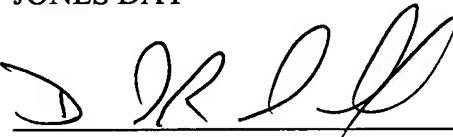
Claims 8-10 are supported by the specification at, for example, paragraphs 43-47, and Figs. 10-15. In view of the cancellation claims 1-7 and addition of new claims 8-10, the statutory double

patenting rejection has been obviated. Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance of this application are earnestly solicited.

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